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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MICOMBERO MEETING WITH MOBUTU

1. PRESIDENT MICOMBERO DEPARTED BUJUMBURA BY BURUNDI AIRLINES DC-3, ON APRIL 19. DESTINATION NOT GIVEN, BUT MEMBER PRESIDENCY STAFF TOLD US LAST NIGHT MICOMBERO WENT TO CAMP RWINDI IN THE PARC DES VIRUNGA (KIVU GAME PARK) TO MEET WITH MOQ TU.

2. NOT YET CLEAR AT WHOSE INITIATIVE MEETING TAKING PLACE. ZAIRE DELEGATION ARRIVED BUJUMBURA APRIL 18, HEADED BY ACTING GOZ COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WITH MESSAGE FROM MOBUTU TO MICOMBERO, ACCORDING LOCAL RADIO. RADIO REPORTS THAT ZAIRE AMBASSADOR IN KIGALI ALSO MET ZAIRE DELEGATION HERE, AND SPECULATION IS THAT ANOTHER EFFORT BEING MADE TO HOLD A TRIPARTITE MEETING AT RWINDI.

3. STORIES BEING HEARD HERE OF BURUNDI ARMY MOVEMENTS, OF POSSIBLE ATTACK PLANS BY BARUNDI REFUGEES OUT OF ZAIRE, OF ZAIRE ARMY PREVENTIVE MEASURES. WE HAVE NOTHING AT MOMENT HOWEVER TO INDICATE THAT THESE STORIES PRESENT MORE THAN THE NERVOUSNESS OF THE SEASON, WHICH WAS INDEED REFLECTED
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